

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Mark C. Caron

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For: A Reusable Vacuum Bag and Method of its Use

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT****Introductory Comments**

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005. Please consider the following remarks and amendments. This response is timely filed by the time limit set to expire on February 11, 2005. This Amendment is filed in the revised format described in the Office's Pre-OG Notice dated 31 January 2003.

**Provisional Election With Traverse**

Provisional election is made hereby with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, with Claims 1-20 and 28-33 being readable thereon. Claims that are readable on the non-elected Group II are deemed qualified for filing in a divisional application. The restriction requirement is traversed, because the original claims 21-27 and 34 refer to a method of molding by using a reusable vacuum bag. The restriction requirement incorrectly identifies the invention of Group II as pertaining to a method of making a vacuum bag. No claims have been submitted for a method of making a vacuum bag. Accordingly, the restriction requirement requires correction.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.